Students are admitted to UCSC with a "proposed major" in most cases, and later petition to officially declare the major. Admission to UCSC does not guarantee acceptance into a particular major. Students must be declared in a major by the end of the second year (or equivalent), so learning about and preparing for a major is a primary goal for first-year students.

**Major:** GLOBAL ECONOMICS

**Importance of an early start:** This is a course-intensive program, and students who intend to pursue this major must begin taking classes for the major sometime in their first year at UCSC.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:** Students who have a combined grade-point average (GPA) of 2.8 or better in ECON 1, 2, and the first calculus course qualify for the economics major upon applying. Students receiving a grade of NP, D, or F in one of the courses required for admission to the major may only declare once they have passed the same or equivalent course with a grade of C or better. Students who receive two grades of NP, D, or F in the required courses are not eligible to declare the major.

See [http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-course-credit.html](http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-course-credit.html) for information on placement based on college courses, and [http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-test-credit.html](http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-test-credit.html) for information on placement based on AP exams.

• Students who have taken college-level transferable classes that may apply to the requirements of this major should submit an unofficial transcript to the department prior to July 1. This transcript is in addition to the official transcript that is required by the UCSC Admissions Office.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**

• Determine your Math Placement by completing an assessment at [http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-aleks-overview.html](http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-aleks-overview.html). If you have completed a college-level math course, or have scored 3 or better on an AP or IB calculus exam, you may be able to use that for placement instead of the ALEKS assessment.

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**Special note:** If you have completed one or more of ECON 100A/M, 100B/N, and 113, be aware that these courses are more difficult than ECON 1 & 2.

**Skills important for success in this major:** Critical reading and thinking skills, skills in mathematics and formal reasoning, deductive thinking.

**Sample first year plan:**

- **Fall:** MATH 3: Precalculus
  Language Course (if possible; see above)

- **Winter:** ECON 1: Introduction to Microeconomics
  ECON/AMS 11A: Math Methods for Economists I
  Language Course (if possible; see above)

- **Spring:** ECON 2: Introduction to Macroeconomics,
  ECON/AMS 11B: Math Methods for Economists II
  Language Course (if possible; see above)

**Other information:** ECON 100A/M, 100B/N and 113 are much more difficult than ECON 1 & 2. Students should devise their academic plans to ensure they will not have to take more than one of ECON 100A/M, 100B/N, and 113 in the same term, since it is crucial that students pass these courses on the first attempt.

**Links to More Information:**

- [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/) (general info)
- [http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/](http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/) (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)
- [http://economics.ucsc.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/global-economics.html](http://economics.ucsc.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/global-economics.html) (program website)

**Questions? Contact an Adviser!**

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